(b) No, Sir.

(c) Such issues are to be dealt with by the Press Council of India, which is at present headed by a retired Supreme Court Judge. The Press Council of India is responsible for maintenance of high standards and encouraging the growth of a sense of responsibility and public service among the media. The Council may also, if it is satisfied that it is necessary to do so, warn, admonish or censure any newspaper, agency, editor or journalist in cases where it feels that standards of journalistic ethics or public taste have been offended or a professional misconduct has been committed.

Reduction in licence fee for the FM Radio private operators

34. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether acting on Comptroller and Auditor General of India report. Government are examining the reasons for reduction in the licence fee for the Frequency Modulation Radio private operators, resulting in revenue loss worth Rs. 17.79 crores to Government;

(b) if so, whether after the scrutiny, the Ministry has handed over the case to the CBI to punish the guilty officials allegedly involved in the case;

(c) whether all the highlighted case by the CAG in this regard have been fully considered by Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The subject matter relates to a decision which was first taken in 1993 and the observations of C and AG are contained in the Report No. 2 of 2002 (Civil), which has been received recently. Action as deemed appropriate can be considered only after full examination of the old records and circumstances then obtaining.

Loss suffered by AIR

35. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Radio has suffered a loss of Rs. 22 crore from the last year's revenue of Rs. 637 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) to what extent steps have been taken to improve the profit by AIR?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) AIR has recorded a rise in revenue during 2001-02, over the previous year's revenue.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that in order to increase revenue, they have opened marketing units at Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore and Delhi to market their airtime. All India Radio has opened new FM channels, which have attracted good listenership and commercial revenue.

Empowering SHOs against Cable Operators

36. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to empower local Station House Officer or Sub-Inspector of Police to take action against cable operators including seizure of assets in case the operator does not telecast D.D., D.D. National, D.D. Metro and D.D. Bharati on Prime Band;

(b) whether Government have found that compliance of Government orders regarding telecasting of DD Channels is very low; and

(c) whether empowerment of such low ranking Police Officials would be effective?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Cable Networks Regulation Act, 1995 provides for Authorized Officers, which include District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Commissioner of Police, within their local limits of jurisdiction, and other officers notified by Central Government or State Governments to take action, against Cable Operators for violations of the provisions of the Act. It is the constant endeavour of Prasar Bharati to obtain compliance of the provisions of the Act, with regard to compulsory transmission of the notified Doordarshan Channels. Although instances of non-compliance